

MAIDEN'S KISSES SAVED THE CROP

They Were Prizes for Best Harvesters.

KANSAS GIRL THE HEROINE

Men Worked So Hard to Win Caresses That a \$6,000,000 Crop Was Saved.

TOPEKA, Kan., July 10.—Although Saline county has been drenched with rain and many farmers are mourning their ruined wheat crops, the field belonging to S. H. Huston is safely stacked, all because his pretty daughter Mabel, offered kisses and hugs to the first three men to do the heaviest work just before the heavy rains set in.

At no time for years have men been so hard to get to work in the wheat fields of central Kansas as this year.

College boys have tried it and most of them have stuck to the task, but there are few of them to be had, and the farmers have been obliged to get along with what hands they could pick up.

The greater part of the Huston wheat was unstacked, and the farmer saw the loss of a crop worth \$6,000,000 staring him in the face when Government reports came that continuous and heavy rain was expected.

Girl Hunts Hands.

The loss of his crops meant financial ruin to Huston, and both he and his daughter, who is eighteen, and his son, who is sixteen, took to horseback and rode far and near, gathering up men and offering double wages for any that would go to their farm.

But hands were scarce and others were offering high prices and things looked as gloomy as the sky above when the hands started for the fields. Unknown to her father, Mabel, who is as pretty a Kansas girl as ever rode a mustang, told the servant she would carry butter milk to the fields that morning and keep on filling the men up with the grateful drink until every head of wheat was shocked.

So she appeared in the fields with gallons upon gallons of the cool drink, and after every man had his fill the girl called them around her.

Offers Maiden's Kiss.

"Boys," she said, blushing to the tips of her pretty ears, "daddy's wheat must be saved before the rain comes, or I won't be able to go back to school this fall, and you all know how badly I want to have just one season more of preparation for college so I won't be behind those bright Eastern girls."

"Well, I am going to offer a prize for the best workers, and it's a prize that no man has won yet—kisses and hugs for the best men here. To the man who stacks the most wheat today I will give three kisses and a real old-fashioned Kansas girl's hug."

"To the man who is second I will give two kisses, and the third man shall have a real hard hug. So please save daddy's wheat."

Never was there such a harvesting in all Kansas as that of the Huston wheat. Every man worked, not as if he were harvesting his own, but as if it belonged to Mabel and her college career depended on it, as it really did. The hands to a man refused most gallantly to stop work even for dinner and for hours the contest seemed so even that anyone of a dozen husky fellows might have been the winner.

Pink and Prettier.

Toward evening it was noticed that three men were leading all the rest, and when Miss Mabel brought the butter-milk again and noticed their progress she grew pinker and pinker and prettier and prettier.

Finally the contest was seen to be almost a tie between Fred Norton, the brawny son of a neighbor, and two young college men who had left their universities earlier than usual for the health-giving work in the fields. Besides the test of brawn, it began to be felt that there was another reason for the determined rivalry of the two pale Eastern students, who had overdone athletics a little, and the boy from the Norton farm, who had deserted his father's work to join the lists for Mabel's caresses.

The way those college youths hustled that wheat was a caution. No one would have believed it had he not seen one breast the tape in a record-breaking relay race and the other lift his shell out of the water on the long four miles.

Nip and Tuck.

Finally one fell back a little and it was between the other and young Norton, who plainly was working himself to death for love of the pretty Mabel. It was nearing the quitting hour, and the college man was ahead, and looking as pale and undisturbed as when

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Colored Postal Clerk Was "Persuaded" to Resign

Appointed as Assistant to White Postmistress at Greenwood, Miss.—He Is the Second of His Color to Go.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., July 10.—J. A. Harmon, a negro, from Alabama, has followed in the footsteps of Carter, the postal clerk, who, on account of his color, was "persuaded" to resign his appointment as assistant to the white postmistress at Greenwood, Miss. Harmon was the next eligible on the list and was sent on to Greenwood as soon as the Carter resignation was received by the postal authorities. The same committee of citizens that met Carter greeted Harmon and the same incontrovertible arguments were placed before him with the same result.

The white citizens of the town say

that their chief objection to having a

colored man fill this position is that the

head of the office is a woman and pre-

fers a white man in the position. If

the chief were a man, it is said, there

would be no such strong feeling. It

is said that the appointments will be

continued along the same line until the

eligible list is exhausted or until the

next examination is held, on July 15.

A purse from the committee goes

with each resignation, but the citizens

stand in continual fear of being cut

off from their mail at any hour, as hap-

pened at Indiana.

the race was begun, while Mabel sym-

pathetically watched only the hectic

struggles of Norton. Maybe there was a

tear in her eye, and maybe there wasn't.

Anyway, the former varsity sculler topped Norton

in a faint, and while they were pouring

water over him young Norton struggled

in a winner by two stacks.

There were tears in Mabel's eyes as

she paid the winners and told them

they had saved her father and her, too.

With Mr. Huston as judge she bestow-

ed the kisses and hugs, the college man

miraculously reviving to get his share

before the cheering hands. If he got

an extra kiss Mabel didn't care, nor

did he. Nor was Norton angry, for he

wrong the college man's hand, but Mary

wink was there in the Eastern man's

eye.

BATHER LOSES BALANCE:

DROWNS IN ROCK CREEK

Preparing to dive into Rock creek

from a log, Joseph Baker, twenty-two

years old, lost his balance yesterday

afternoon, and fell into the water on

his back. He was stunned by striking

his head on the log, and was

drowned before assistance could reach

him.

William G. Harris, of 637 Maryland

avenue northeast, was in the National

Park, near the District line, at the time

Baker fell into the water. He disrobed

and dived for the body and recovered

it twenty minutes after the young man

was drowned.

Coroner Nevitt was informed. The re-

mains were sent to the morgue.

Owing to the fact that there were no

papers on the young man that would

assist the police in finding his address,

police of the Fourth precinct experi-

enced considerable difficulty in locating his

boarding place. About noon it was

learned that he roomed at 254 H street

southwest.

Baker was unmarried. His relatives

live in Fauquier county, Va. He was

employed as a driver for the W. B.

Moses furniture company.

GERMAN KAISER DELIGHTS

IN A GAME OF TENNIS

BERLIN, July 10.—Kaiser Wilhelm,

who is an ardent tennis player, has

given fresh proof of his devotion to the

game by purchasing eight acres of land

near the city which will be converted

into tennis courts.

The Kaiser's courts are intended for

public use.

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NEIGHBORS SEE MAN KILL WIFE

Divorce and Damage Suits Cause Murder.

CHASED THROUGH STREETS

She Threatened Husband, He Says, and He Took Her Life in Self-Defense.

KANSAS CITY, July 10.—In full view of fifteen or twenty neighbors, who were sitting on their porches, John M. Crane walked to the home of his wife in Bates avenue, chased her across the street and shot her dead.

Crane was captured by a Mexican, who was passing, and Thomas Ross, who saw the shooting.

The cause of the tragedy is said to be the refusal of Mrs. Crane to sue her husband, against whom she filed suit for divorce last April. According to the allegations in this suit Crane had obtained possession of nearly \$25,000 worth of real estate and securities which had been left by his wife by a former husband, T. D. Evans, a banker of Harrisonville, Mo., who died in 1899.

She Charges Fraud.

At the time of filing the suit for divorce Mrs. Crane brought suit also for the restoration of this property, which, she held, was obtained by fraud, and got a temporary injunction preventing Crane from disposing of it and a restraining order to keep him "from going to her home. This was so modified as to allow him to get his clothing, but Saturday was the first time in months he had appeared at the house. Just before the shooting Mrs. Crane was sitting on her porch reading. Seeing her husband approach she leaped to her feet and ran to the front door. As she did so Crane drew a revolver and fired. This shot went wild and shattered the glass in the front door.

Finding she could not get inside, Mrs. Crane turned and rushed past her husband in an effort to reach the home of V. B. Evans, across the street.

One bullet struck her just above the heart. A second entered the left arm, broke the wrist, and a third grazed the middle of the street she sank to her knees and called to Evans, who was running to meet her: "For God's sake, take this man away from me!"

Says Self-Defense.

Crane's explanation is that he killed her in self-defense. "I shot her because I believed that if I did not she would kill me," he said. "I did not do it because I was jealous. I was not jealous and never had any reason to be. When I went to her house yesterday afternoon I knew that she kept a revolver, and I took one along to use in case I might need it. I went there to see if we could not make up our troubles, which at the bottom had come from the meddling of outsiders."

"When she saw me approach she started to go into the house. I told her to stop as I wanted to speak to her. She replied that she was going to kill me. With that I drew my pistol and shot her. When I pulled the trigger I believed that she was about to kill me. I am sorry that I had to kill her, but I believe that was the only way to save my own life."

ITALIAN AMBASSADOR

HEADS DIPLOMATIC CORPS

Baron Mavor des Planches, the Italian

ambassador, is now dean of the

Diplomatic Corps in Washington.

He attained that position upon the de-

parture from this city yesterday of

Count Cassini. Count Cassini left on

the 11 o'clock train. He bid good-bye to

Washington with tears in his eyes.

ADIRONDACK GUIDE FOUND DEAD.

MALONE, N. Y., July 10.—David Sel-

kirik, a well-known Adirondack guide,

was found lifeless in bed at his board-

ing-house in Malone today. Death is

supposed to have resulted from heart

disease.

\$4 Cumberland; \$1.35 Berkeley Springs;

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portunity to spend Sunday in country.

CLERGYMAN LAUDS HAY'S ACHIEVEMENTS

Dr. Doney Praises His Straightforward Diplomacy—Greatness Recognized While He Lived.

Tribute was paid to the work of John Hay in bringing about a more straightforward and honest method in the diplomatic relations of the nations by the Rev. Dr. Carl Doney, at Hamilton M. E. Church, last night. Dr. Doney referred to the time when a man had to be dead many years before his work was recognized, but said that today, at a time so near his death, we realize the great good John Hay achieved for the world.

A great man is not an accident, said Dr. Doney, and, therefore, if John Hay is entitled to be called good he came in response to a need. His growth was as normal as that of a beautiful flower from a rich soil. A man who renders a great service to his nation and to mankind, is reared out of the conditions which nourish him.

"It is good to bring to mind," said the speaker, "those whom the world honors and to recall the service of a great man who breathed the same atmosphere and lived in the same environment as our own."

"Such a life is an encouragement. It speaks of the opportunities for other men and of the nobility of service. What one man among us can do other men can do, in point of excellence, though not in point of similar service. Mr. Hay taught us, too, that a great man is a good man."

"Time was when a man had to be dead many years before he was properly recognized and appreciated, but we realize today, at a time so near to his death, that Secretary Hay achieved great good for the world. For he who gives to the world a new thought is a public benefactor; he is another light kindled upon the highway to final truth, but a new application of an old principle. He taught this diplomacy is not necessarily duplicity."

"Mr. Hay's life was the life of a public servant. He served in foreign courts among people schooled for centuries in

the principles of Machiavelli. But wherever he went he taught a lesson of honesty, so that when he became Secretary of State of the American people he let the nations of the earth know of his integrity.

"When he first let them know of the straightforward purposes of the United States they thought he must be trying some new subtlety of the Yankee mind. They found their mistake, and they respected him the more."

"If the country continues in the path he has laid down, we shall at last see the coming of universal peace, for the

war in the East is the result of chicanery. Russia is paying the price of double dealing."

"Hay's early training was received at the side of Abraham Lincoln. He believed in God. His faith was founded on the Rock of Ages, and his life was an expression of that belief."

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